

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

ZHU ZHAI HOLDINGS, LIMITED, and	}	No. 20 C 4985
PETER PUI TAK LEE,		
Plaintiffs,		
v.		
STEVEN IVANKOVICH,	}	May 21, 2021
		Chicago, Illinois
Defendant.		10:35 a.m.
)	Telephonic Motion Hearing

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
BEFORE THE HONORABLE SHARON JOHNSON COLEMAN

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1 THE CLERK: 20 CV 4985, Zhu Zhai Holdings Limited
2 versus Ivankovich.

3 THE COURT: Good morning. Plaintiff.

4 MR. SEARS: Good morning, Your Honor. This is Will
5 Sears, Quinn Emanuel for the plaintiff. And I believe Tyler
6 Whitmer and Robert Joynt also from Quinn Emanuel for the
7 plaintiffs are on the line as well.

8 THE COURT: All right. Each of you I need --

9 MR. WHITMER: I am, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Yes, each -- each of you for the
11 plaintiffs state your name because we're still remote, and the
12 court reporter needs to hear your voices. Proceed.

13 MR. WHITMER: Yes. Sorry, Your Honor. This is Tyler
14 Whitmer from Quinn Emanuel for the plaintiffs.

15 THE COURT: All right. Anyone else?

16 MR. JOYNT: And this Robert Joynt, Quinn Emanuel, for
17 the plaintiffs, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much. Again,
19 thank you for your patience. Anyone on for the defense?

20 MR. SCHUMACHER: Good morning, Your Honor. Darryl
21 Schumacher. I'm the movant on behalf of defendant Ivankovich,
22 who I believe is also on the line.

23 THE COURT: All right. And, Mr. Ivankovich, do you
24 want to state your name?

25 MR. IVANKOVICH: Yes. Steve Ivankovich on the line

1 as well.

2 THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much. Go
3 ahead, Mr. Schumacher. I'm sorry. Was there somebody else?
4 All right. Mr. Schumacher, go ahead with your motion.

5 MR. SCHUMACHER: Thank you, Your Honor. We obviously
6 filed a motion to withdraw as counsel for defendant Steve
7 Ivankovich. The basis for the motion is I'm having difficulty
8 moving things forward, particularly with the vendor in getting
9 the vendor paid to advance discovery. And that's the basis of
10 the motion.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 MR. SCHUMACHER: Mr. Ivankovich is aware. He's on
13 the phone. I don't believe he objects, but he can speak for
14 himself.

15 THE COURT: Is that correct, Mr. Ivankovich? You
16 have no objection. You understand?

17 MR. IVANKOVICH: That's correct. I, I -- I don't
18 object.

19 THE COURT: All right. So you don't object. You're
20 on the phone. You understand your lawyer is now asking to
21 be -- to withdraw from the case. And the Court will grant his
22 motion. So where are we now? Do you intend to have a new
23 lawyer, Mr. Ivankovich, or represent yourself?

24 MR. IVANKOVICH: Yes, I do -- I do intend to
25 substitute counsel.

1 THE COURT: All right. Within what? 30 days?

2 MR. IVANKOVICH: Within 30 days, correct.

3 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to give a 30-day
4 date on that from today. Go ahead, Miss Montanez.

5 THE CLERK: That's June 21st.

6 THE COURT: All right. June 21st will be a status
7 for your counsel to have filed his or her appearance and be
8 present in court.

9 MR. IVANKOVICH: Thank you, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: And wait. What time again, Yvette?

11 THE CLERK: 9:15 a.m.

12 THE COURT: 9:15 on June 21st in the courthouse.

13 Thank you.

14 MR. SCHUMACHER: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Thank you all.

16 CERTIFICATE

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true,
18 correct and complete transcript of the proceedings had at the
19 hearing of the aforementioned cause on the day and date hereof.

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21 /s/TRACEY D. McCULLOUGH

May 24, 2021

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